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Invention: DIGITAL SIGNAL ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, DIGITAL SIGNAL DECODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND DIGITAL SIGNAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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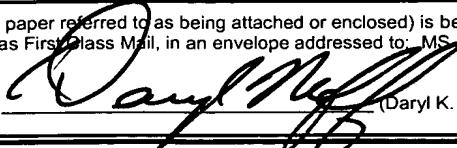
  
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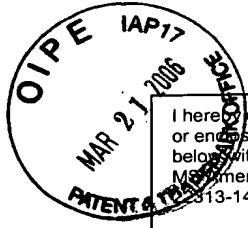
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In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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